

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks presented herein.


The claims in the application are claims 57 and 58, all other claims having been cancelled.

All of the claims were rejected under 35 USC 103 as being obvious over the '057 Japanese patent which, according to the Examiner discloses compositions comprising sea-water, adequate amounts of water, saccharides, fruit juice, proteins, an amino acid, vitamins, vegetable extracts, carbonic acid and a flavoring agent as well as other ingredients.

Applicants respectfully traverse this ground of rejection since the claims are not obvious from the Japanese reference, whether taken alone or in view of the N'Guyen et al patent. The present claims are directed to a method of treatment of specific conditions and the Japanese reference merely relates to a soft drink containing sea-water with other ingredients and has absolutely nothing to do with a method of treatment and therefore, withdrawal of this ground of rejection is requested.

In view of the amendments to the claims and the above remarks, it is believed that the claims clearly point out Applicants' patentable contribution and favorable reconsideration of the application is requested.

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